Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Museums hold in trust for future generations a substantial part of humankind's material patrimony produced by the skill of our ancestors and our contemporaries; and,

Whereas, Museums encourage curiosity in the very young, offer enlightenment and education to the student and provide a continuing source of enjoyment and cultural enrichment for all; and,

Whereas, Museums are centers of research for scholars and contribute significantly to our knowledge of history, science and the arts; and,

Whereas, Museums enhance the quality of life in our communities and provide a sense of continuity and perspective which reinforces the cultural opportunities offered by schools, colleges, universities, libraries and other institutions of learning; and,

Whereas, The museums of South Dakota deserve recognition for their contribution to the preservation of the heritage of South Dakota and to the furtherance of understanding for people of the United States and other countries into the past, present and future:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 2006, as

MUSEUM MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State